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Murders total 5 in GC last year

By Bill Bagby

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Five murders occurred in this relatively peaceful community in 1986.

The homicides all took place during the first five months, said Lt. Col. Bob Astorian, assistant police chief. All resulted in arrests, he said.

NO HOMICIDES occurred in 1984 and 1985, Astorian said. The last time five murders occurred in the city was 1980, he said.

"It's a crime you can't control," Astorian said.

The first murder happened when Ricky Sanders, 19, died Feb. 23 at St. Louis University Hospital. He suffered a skull fracture following a beating Feb. 12 in the 4500 block of Kirkpatrick Homes. Police found Mr. Sanders unconscious at his apartment.

POLICE CHARGED Robert Carroll with Mr. Sanders' murder. He was arrested Feb. 26 in Bonifay, Fla. Carroll was sentenced Aug. 20 to seven years in prison.

The second homicide took place March 4 when James "Buddy" Clubb, 68, was shot in the abdomen at his home. He died the next day at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Police charged James Albert Seisser with Mr. Clubb's murder. Seisser was arrested March 24 in Columbia, Tenn. He is awaiting trial.

TWO OF THE five homicides occurred April 30 with the double murder of Granite City realtor Carl Hoffman and his wife, Susan. They were found brutally slain in their home at 1547 Rodger Ave. by an employee of Mr. Hoffman's real estate firm.

Police charged Jack Gordon Bruce with the Hoffmans' murders. He is awaiting trial.

The fifth murder happened May 7 when Charles C. Parker, 27, was stabbed to death at the home of David K. Patterson, 2430 Ohio Ave. Patterson was charged the following day. He was sentenced Nov. 26 to 15 years in prison.

IN MOST homicides, Astorian said, the assailant is a friend

Murders hit record number

By Bill Bagby

Staff writer

MADISON COUNTY — The record murder rate was reached in Madison County last year.

Twenty-six homicides were investigated by the Madison County coroner's office in 1986, said Ralph Baahmann Jr., chief deputy coroner.

THIS FIGURE compares with 9 murders in 1984, 7 in 1985, 10 in 1983, 13 in 1982, 13 in 1981 and 20 in 1980.

Twenty-four other charges were filed in 1986, said Madison County assistant state's attorney Randy Massey.

"It's (murder rate) a thing that can't be predicted," Baahmann said.

He said there is no apparent reason for the increase.

"**THERE'S NO** easily defined cause for the homicide rate to rise," he said.

"I think each case is different than the other," said Capt. Robert Hertz, chief of detectives of the Madison County

Sheriff's Department. "There's no common denominator in all of them."

Investigating the murders depleted the coroner's \$106,796 budget before the fiscal year ended June 30, Baahmann said. He said it costs between \$750 and \$1,000 for each murder investigation.

AN EMERGENCY appropriation of \$42,422 was recently approved by the Madison County Board after the coroner's funds ran out, said Fred Dathon, assistant county auditor.

For fiscal 1987, \$144,000 was budgeted to help offset investigations, Dathon said.

NATIONALLY, the murder rate is 10.2 per 100,000 people, the highest in the industrialized world, according to national columnist Walter E. Williams.

St. Louis had 10.1 per 100,000 in the county last year. Baahmann said Forty were reported compared to 30 in 1985, 15 in 1984, 28 in 1983 and 30 in 1982.

Brown enters hunt for loose leopard

By Bill Milligan

BIG GAME HUNTER Dana Brown met with East Carondelet officials Tuesday to discuss the four-year-old hunt for a leopard that has been stalking the western region of St. Clair County.

Brown said he was amazed to find the animal loose in rural Illinois.

"Where did it come from?" Brown asked. He met with officials at Mayor Herb Simmons' home. No one had an answer, but speculation is that the cat was a pet that someone could no longer keep and let loose.

Brown said he didn't think the hunt would appear on his television nature series, but he emphasized the danger to area residents.

"I've hunted leopards before," Brown said. "They are not afraid to attack humans, especially children."

That's a very dangerous situation," Among those meeting with Brown were Ron Oggan, animal control officer for the Illinois Department of Agriculture and Dr. Tom Amlung, St. Clair County animal control officer.

Amlung and Amlung have been tracking the leopard since St. Louis Zoo officials identified plaster casts of paw prints the animal left at the scene of several dog mutilations in Decatur.

Since the search began Dec. 16, cat sightings are less frequent in the East Carondelet area.

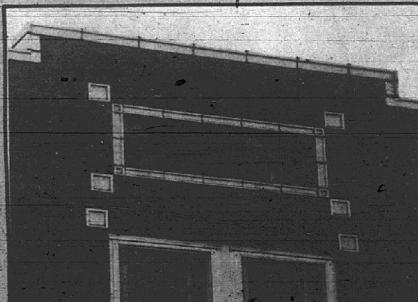
Brown said it is not unusual to track a cat for several months before catching up with it.

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DANA BROWN, big game hunter, was in the East Carondelet Tuesday to lend his help in finding a leopard that has been roaming the area. (Photo by Bill Milligan)

More than mortar



UNIQUE DESIGNS of stone and tile decorate the facade of this downtown Granite City business. To find out which building it is and where it is located, see Page 5A.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

Failed floodgate finally probed

By Bill Milligan

SAUGET — A floodgate failure which caused Oct. 14 floods and closure of Alton Zinc and Route 3 is not the fault of the Metro-East Sanitary District, officials said last week.

The conclusion came Friday, after MESD engineers were able to get their first look at the gate which caused some 1,200 residents to be evacuated from East St. Louis and Sauget.

"There was 40 feet of water in the affected areas," said Walter "Shang" Greathouse. "Pressure tore the gate off its hinges. This proves what we've been saying all along: MESD is not responsible for the flooding," Greathouse said. An MESD gate near the river was removed in 1984 when the East St. Louis treatment facility was installed near the MESD stormwater station.

The gate was replaced by a louvered gate operated from inside the East St. Louis facility, he said.

Last August, Greathouse said he received a letter from officials at

the American Bottoms Treatment Plant in Sauget requesting permission to remove the louvered gate.

"It wasn't our gate," Greathouse said. "I told them I didn't know who owned it."

Greathouse said he was not notified the gate had been removed and he was unaware of it until the October flood.

Greathouse said pressure from a pair of tons of steel pins which held one side of the gate in place along a subterranean tunnel at the MESD facility.

"It was being held on by two pins on the other side," Greathouse said. "Water kept swelling the gate back to earth, crashing it against the wall until it finally broke off the hinge all together."

When the remaining pins snapped, Greathouse said the eight-ton gate fell onto the tunnel before coming to rest.

"That's why we had such a hard time finding it," he said.

With the gate gone, only a makeshift wooden barrier and

(See FLOODGATE, Page 5A)

Reviews and previews

Final permit bill offered

Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse's revised occupancy permit ordinance was expected to be voted on by the Granite City Council on Tuesday. Granite City aldermen were expected to put the measure on the ballot. The council called for the Tuesday meeting to be held at 6 p.m. instead of its normal 7 p.m. meeting time. If approved, the ordinance would require Granite City homes to be inspected and permits issued before they can be occupied.

Annexations may be on April ballot

The Granite City Council may have decided at its Tuesday meeting to approve two annexation measures. The two annexation ordinances involve the subdivisions of Wilshire Manor, Steelewood, Gables Town & Country, Bellmore Place, Miracle Manor, Evergreen and Greater Granite Heights. If approved, the ordinances will be filed with the circuit court and the court will determine if the annexation can be placed on the April ballot.

Study calls lottery ads misleading

Lottery ads which do not mention odds of winning are misleading, according to a study released recently by the state's Legislative Economic and Fiscal Commission. The study also found a growing trend in Illinois government toward reliance on gambling revenue.

50 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 7, 1937

All that is necessary to vote — on whether the current special park district in Granite City should be abolished — is for 100 voters to sign a petition and turn it in to the county court, according to a special state law. A taxpayers' group wants to abolish the park district because the district issued \$25,000 in bonds without voter approval.

Tell it like it is

Q:

What do you think was the biggest event in Granite City in 1986?

Jim Parker

"I think the biggest event in 1986 was the Granite City Warriors football team beating the East St. Louis football team on Oct. 4."

— Granite City

Darlene Strubberg

"The biggest event was the Granite City Warriors' win over East St. Louis, but the biggest tragedy was the Hoffman murder case."

Tim Davis

"The biggest event must have been when the unrated Granite City Warriors beat the number one team in the nation, the East St. Louis Flyers."

NEXT WEEK: Do you think recent increases in cable television rates are justified?

To record your answer, phone 452-0222 between 5:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily. Leave your name, hometown and phone number for verification purposes.

Quote of the week

"If it comes down to a choice between food, medicine, heat or rent on the one hand and cable TV on the other, Cencom's going to lose customers," said Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse about increased cable TV rates to senior citizens.

Tip of the hat



Granite City High School football coach Ron Yates is recognized this week for being named large-school Coach of the Year on the Suburban Journals' All-Area football team. In his third year as head coach, Yates guided the Warriors to their first Southwestern Conference title in 40 years with an 8-3 overall record, including an upset over East St. Louis (rated first nationally) and a trip to the state playoffs.

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Comment

Good pay can attract good teachers

To the editor:
We hear regularly now from those who want to improve the industrial competitiveness of the United States. And while their messages vary, one theme is constant. The U.S. will have to make more of a priority of quality education.

No one can argue with that generality, but when it comes to specifics we start feeling uncomfortable. Those specifics have to include:

- More attention to urban schools where quality is too often the exception.

- A stronger curriculum. We are too easy on ourselves. We clearly have to do more with science, mathematics and foreign languages.

- We must invest more in our non-Western industrialized nations in all three. It is costing us now and will cost us more in the future.

- More attention to retraining of adults.

- A stronger program to assist preschool children in those rural and urban areas where parents have a very limited educational background.

A number of other things could be mentioned, but there is one more absolutely essential that we have to value our teachers more highly.

In Japan, teachers take approximately the same as a lawyer or a physician. In Japan, teachers are in the top 10 percent of the population in income. In the U.S., teachers

make far less than most other professionals. The average teacher makes only marginally above the national average in income.

Money is not everything, nor the sole reason teachers leave the profession or do not enter it.

But money is important. Among other things, salary sends a message to those attending college not only in what they will make, but how much society values their contribution.

The average teacher in the nation makes \$25,313 a year.

Football players average \$205,000 a year; baseball players average \$371,157; and basketball players \$450,000.

Senators make \$75,100, physicians average \$100,400, lawyers average \$125,000 and judges over \$150,000.

In most cases, the people who have more to do with the future of our children than any others are our teachers. But we hardly show that in our wage scale.

In Japan, those going into the teaching profession score well above average in college tests. I regret to say that in the U.S., today those going into teaching now score below average.

We are fortunate to have many fine dedicated teachers, but the future for this is discouraging. If I speak to a group of 500 teachers and ask how many want their children to become teachers, there will be five to 10 hands raised.

One reason for our problems is

good. Years ago women had basically two out-of-the-home career choices — teaching or nursing. Now there are opportunities in every profession and, while that is a major plus for the nation overall, it means that fewer of our really talented young women are choosing the teaching profession.

Some have suggested an answer that makes sense: Raise the standards for those going into teaching and at the same time, someone asked me to do just that at the commencement of the Illinois College of Podiatry (now called the School College of Podiatry). I knew nothing about podiatry. I've never been to a foot doctor. I've never even had a foot doctor.

I had to read about podiatry. I learned how much they contribute to the nation. But I also learned this: In Illinois (and I assume most states), we pay much more attention to the standards and requirements for those who take care of our feet than we do to the standards and requirements for those who take care of our children.

If we're really concerned about the future of our nation, we must pay more attention to education.

If we're really concerned about education, we ought to pay much more attention to whom we attract into the teaching profession, and then pay those who do attract more adequately.

U.S. SEN. PAUL SIMON



DURING THE ORANGE BOWL.. JOE AND I WILL BE GIVING A PLAYER BY PLAYER URINALYSIS OF THE GAME.

Beer barons spin the news

WASHINGTON — There's nothing like a slick public-relations campaign to turn defeat into victory. The National Beer Wholesalers Association is trying to do just that, members that they're really won when they lost an attempt to seek anti-trust exemption through the Senate in September.

The legislation would have allowed regulators to impose for the wholesaler, the practical effect would probably have been higher beer prices.

Outdoing the wartime commissaries that "all retreat strung with drums" or "march toward the rear," the organization's newsletter headlines its story on the legislative setback: "Beer bill legislation almost shut down the government."

Beer wholesalers serve notice they are a dynamic political force in Washington.

Behind this harpoon braggadocio is a slightly less triumphant story. The beer barons' friends in the Senate, R-S.C. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, wouldn't let their filibuster stop their intended filibuster of the special-in-

Weekly Special

Jack Anderson & Joseph Spear
United Features

terest legislation just to keep the government from closing down. So the debate droned on as the clock ticked inexorably closer to midnight on the 30th.

The beer lobbyists got a nasty shock when the original sponsor of their legislation, Sen. Richard Goldwater, R-Ariz., announced that he opposed it in its reincarnation as a Treasury appropriations rider. Somehow, he noted, the language "has been changed so deliberately and intend[ed] protection against price-fixing and his insistence that the states be allowed to override the anti-trust exemption."

"I did not know that this was even possible," Goldwater complained. "I asked my staff if they agreed to changes and they said no."

Faced with probable disaster, the beer barons tried to find a compromise offered by Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore.: The filibustering opponents would agree to let new beer legislation be considered by the Senate without a talkathon.

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Opposes high permit fees

To the editor:

I am writing to correct a vicious rumor. The rumor is that I supported and voted for "first reading" of the new, second, amended ordinance for the occupancy code.

I have not and will not support the second ordinance, proposed by the mayor and his committee, of which I am a member.

As a landlord of several properties in the 5th Ward, I feel it unjust to hold renters liable for the additional fees they will have to pay for an occupancy permit.

The writing and statistics that

were used to compile the "second amended" ordinance came from a community in Missouri that allows for higher fees because of higher property values.

We in Granite City cannot begin to compete with such fees in communities such as that. We are our own community and it should be viewed by our community needs.

I speak for my people in the 5th Ward and the City of Granite City, which is always my first concern.

LLOYD R. BAILEY
Alderman, 5th Ward

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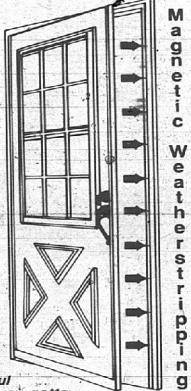
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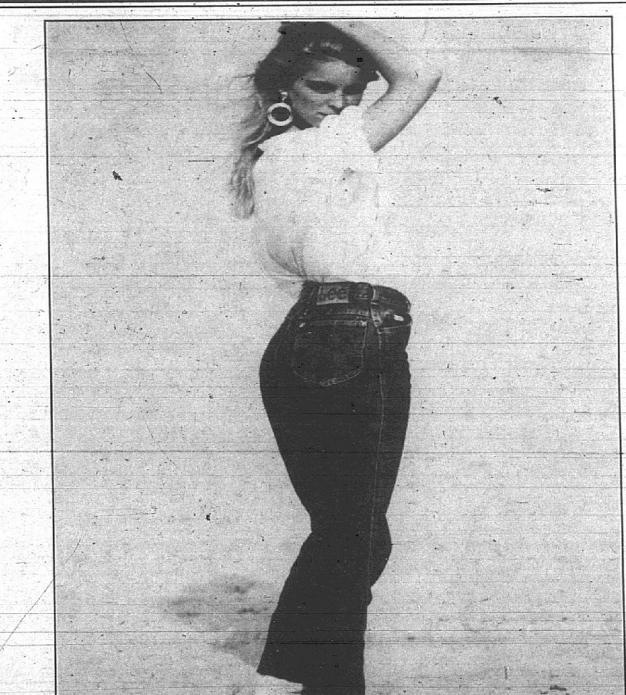
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FOOD FOR AREA'S NEEDY. Pictured left to right are Janet Quarton, Tri-Cities Area United Way executive director; Delores Gaines, Protestant Welfare Association director; Cooky Nance, assistant sales manager, Avon District 019; and Phyllis Laster, district sales manager, Avon District 019. Representatives of the local Avon district donated food and canned goods to Protestant Welfare through the Tri-Cities Area United Way. The donated food was used in holiday baskets for area families.

Class series will offer freedom from smoking

A Freedom From Smoking program will again be offered by Anderson Hospital, Maryville, beginning Jan. 8.

"If you smoke because of tension and anxiety, not only to start smoking again, or find that quitting alone is too much of a burden, Freedom From Smoking, developed by the American Lung Association, may be the ticket to help you start the new year smoke-free," a spokesman said.

The fee for the program is \$35.

Class size is limited and reservations are required for the seven-week course, at 238-5711, extension 447.

Funds to help hungry, homeless in this county

The State of Illinois, the City of Chicago and 50 counties have received \$4.36 million for aid to the hungry and homeless under the Federal Emergency Relief Agency's food and shelter program.

Madison County received \$124,562.

The money is available, in large part, due to the efforts of U.S. Sen. Alan J. Dixon, who asked that additional funding be provided for the program in the 1987 Continuing Resolution, the omnibus funding bill for the new federal fiscal year.

"This program works with a minimum of overhead and does amazing things with very little money," Dixon said.

Lions to help build college running track

Lions clubs from District 1-G in west-central Illinois are raising \$75,000 to help build a new running track at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI) in Jacksonville.

The new all-weather surface track will replace an existing cinder track and is expected to be completed this spring, said ISVI Superintendent Robert A. Johnson.

ISVI and the Lions have contracted with Western Asphalt Co.

Former residents name girl Emily

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. (Nancy) Mathews, of Springdale, Ark., formerly of Granite City, are celebrating the birth of a daughter on Dec. 29. She has been named Emily Norine, and weighs 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

The Smiths also have a two-year-old son, Wesley. Their paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Smith of Granite City and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews of Groves, Tex.

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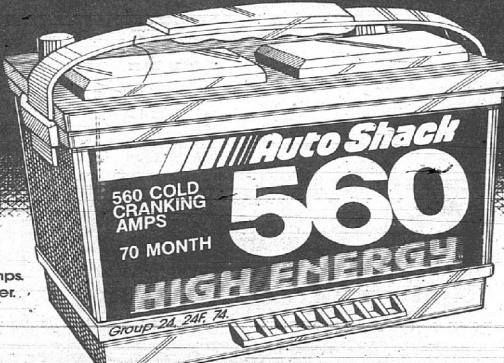
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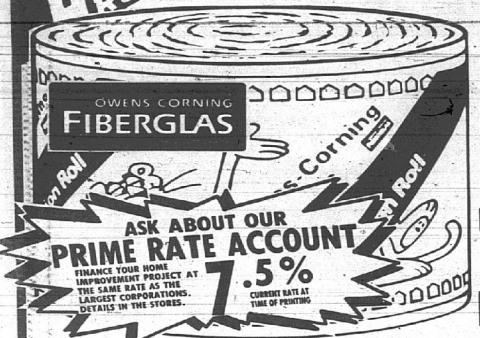
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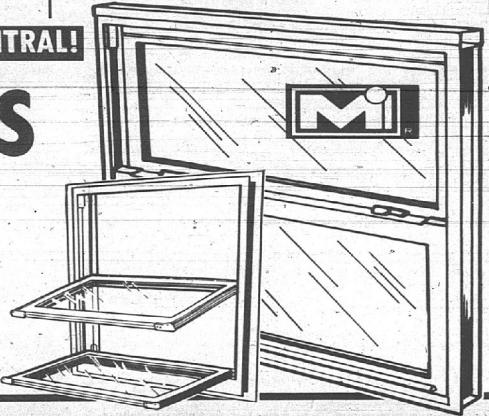
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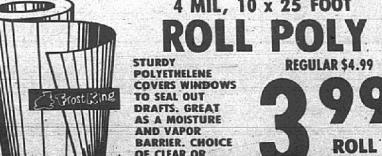
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Obituaries

Benefield

William Benefield, 53, of Flint, Mich., formerly of Granite City, died at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 1986, at Hurley Hospital in Flint.

He suffered an apparent heart attack and was admitted to the hospital a week before his death. Mr. Benefield was born in Illinois.

He was of the Baptist faith and was employed at Buick Motors in Flint.

Survivors include his wife, Halie Benefield; two sons, John and William Benefield, both of Dallas, Texas; one daughter, Pamela Benefield, at home; a sister, Betty Kinworth, of Granite City; and a brother, James Benefield of Flint.

His remains were cremated. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) at a Baptist Church in Flint.

Bradford

Joyce M. (Hicks) Bradford, 35, of Granite City, was pronounced dead at her home at 3:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 1986, by Phil Weber, Madison County deputy coroner.

Officials said she died of a gunshot wound and was found in the home. A gun also was found in the home.

Investigators said there was no evidence of anyone else being in the home, nor had the contents of the residence been disturbed. An inquest was held.

The investigation is being led by the Illinois Division of Criminal Investigation.

She was born in Granite City and was an Edwardsville resident for nine years. She worked for Peoples Payroll Corp. for four years as a sales representative. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Collinsville.

Survivors include her husband, David Bradford; a daughter, Tammy Marie Bradford; and a son, Ryan Christopher Bradford, both at home; her mother, Mrs. Verna Hicks, Granite City; two brothers, Tim and Jeff Hicks, both of Granite City; four sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Goddard) Martin, Palos Hills, Ill.; Mrs. Karen (Carolyn) Taylor, Granite City; Mrs. Bobby (Cindy) Elliott, Radcliff, Ky.; and Mrs. Paul (Sheila) Humphrey, Dupont, and her grandmother, Mrs. Jeanie Pirkle.

The Rev. Gene Gilmore officiated at 1 p.m. services Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

May

Adolph L. May, 64, of 8 Eastgate Drive, became ill at-home and was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead in the emergency room at 10:31 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 1986.

He was born in Dittmer, Mo., and lived in Granite City and Edwardsville prior to moving to this area 10 years ago. Mr. May worked for the Lakin and Ellis Engineering Co., Richmond Heights, Mo., for 23 years as a surveyor and retired in August 1986.

Mr. May was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma (Hanger) May; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Lois) Hebleywaite of Granite City; one brother, George Festus, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Then his remains were taken to Gish-Bowles Funeral Home, Piedmont, Okla., for burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Rev. Vernon Curry will officiate at 1 p.m. services Thursday in Piedmont, with burial at the Ellington, Mo., cemetery.

Messerschmidt

Elizabeth M. Messerschmidt, 81, of 2320 Delmar Ave., died at 1:13 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 1986, at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, where she was admitted on Dec. 24.

Born in Mannheim, Germany, she moved to this area in 1949. Mrs. Messerschmidt was a member of St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ and the Homemakers Extension Association.

Her husband, William M. Messerschmidt, died in 1973. Survivors include one daughter, Heidi Seltz of Collinsville; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Ronald Petersen will officiate at 10 a.m. services today (Wednesday) at the Daughters of Zion Chapel, 21st Street and Cleveland Boulevard. Burial will be at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Births outnumber deaths last month

GRANITE CITY — The numbers of births and deaths in Granite City last month have been announced by City Clerk Robert Stevens.

There were 72 births, 48 deaths and two fetal deaths in December 1985, Stevens said.



R. Al St. John

St. John

Richard Al St. John, 72, of 3801 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, died at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 1986, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Born Feb. 1, 1914, he was a lifelong resident of the Quad-City Area.

Mr. St. John was employed as a custodian for 10 years in the Granite City School District before retiring in 1980.

He was of the Presbyterian faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary St. John, on Nov. 3, 1984, and his son, Jim, at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. Burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Williams

Iona E. (Knipe) Williams, 79, a 50-year resident of Granite City, died at 9:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 1986, at Eden Village Retirement Center, Edwardsville. Ill. Since 1978, she resided at the center for five years.

Mrs. Williams was born in New Memphis, Ill., and also lived in St. Louis. She was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ and the Church Guild.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Williams; one son, Curtis Williams, Granite City; two daughters, Mrs. Nick (Lucille) Mangoff, Granite City, and Mrs. Don (Carol) Grimes of Tempe, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where the Rev. Donald Peeler will officiate at 1 p.m. services today (Wednesday). Burial will be at the Mescoutah City Cemetery. Memorials are requested for St. Peter's Church.

Robert Wagner, 70, succumbs in hospital

Robert D. Wagner, 70, of Collingsville, died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 1986, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville.

He was born in St. Louis and was employed as an ironworker at Granite City Steel for 30 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Wagner was a member of the Progressive Masonic Temple and the Blue Lodge of St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, and their two sons, Robert Wagner, Collingsville, and Patrick Wagner, Alton; one daughter, Mrs. John (Pamela) Hanlon, Collingsville; and two grandchildren.

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Mary Leleniewski succumbs at age 93

Mary S. Leleniewski, 93, of Chicago, mother of Edward Leleniewski of Collingsville, died Dec. 23, 1985, in Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, in 1965 and a daughter, Violet, in 1943.

Survivors include two other sons, Albin and Raymond Leleniewski, and their wives; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 26 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Chicago, with burial at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Chicago. Arrangements were by Skaja Stanley Funeral Home in Chicago.

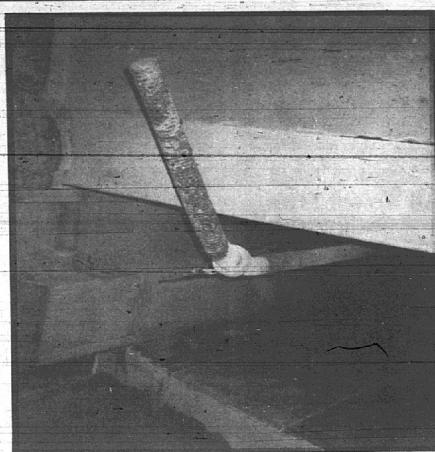
Crime Watch meeting set for tonight

Danny Stipes, Madison civil defense director, will conduct another Crime Watch planning meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 at the Madison Recreation Center, Seventh Street and Lee Avenue.

Residents are invited to attend the session and continue with plans to select block captains for the Crime Watch program throughout the city, Stipes said.

He gave a progress report at the last City Crime Watch meeting and said, "We need more people to participate in the project to make it a success."

The program encourages neighborhood involvement in detecting and thwarting crimes.



BENT HINGE: The gate which failed causing October floods bent this four-inch-thick steel pin as it broke away from its housing.

Floodgate

Pressure caused break, Greathouse declares

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Connie Lynn Maxfield, Granite City, has completed the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in medical technology from McKenney College in Lebanon, Ill.

"I hunted tigers for the king of Nepal for seven years and trapped five," Brown said. "To many people it made it harder to track."

"Leopards would prey on humans for years in Nepal, especially children," Brown said.

Brown said he had been in Africa until recently and had not heard of the search until it was a guest Jan. 5 on a KMOX radio talk show.

"It was a thrill for me," he said. "We can't have the cat loose around these people's homes."

Because the leopard hunts only at night, Brown said it will be difficult to trap.

Brown's efforts will be made more difficult because he has been disabled by a leg injury that occurred months ago when he was trapped in a poacher's snare for several hours. He said he hung upside down in a tree with his leg caught in his leg.

The best thing I can tell people right now is to stay away from the thing if you see it," Brown said.

Simmons said Tuesday the search had gone on so long and he had been offered such conflicting advise by so many experts, that he welcomed Brown's interest and assistance.

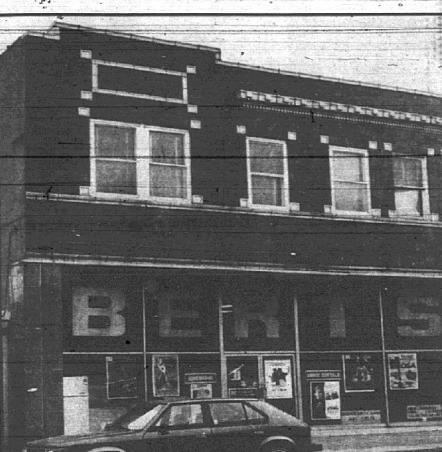
State hiring many disabled

Department of Human Rights Director, Shirley Tucker, and Department of Rehabilitation Services Director, Susan Suter, co-chairs of the Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees, presented awards to three state agencies in recognition of their records for hiring disabled individuals at ceremonies held in December.

Agencies honored for 1986 were the Department of Employment Security with a 30 percent record in the "large-agency" category, the Commission on Equal Opportunity in the medium-sized agency category with 8 percent; and the Civil Service Commission in the small-agency category with 33 percent.

Tucker offered the services of the Interagency Committee to any agency wanting to improve its hiring practices relating to disabled people. "The state should be a model in hiring disabled people," she said.

The agency noted that minimum wage problems of general concern to state employees with disabilities can be raised, serves as a clearinghouse for information, and promotes affirmative action efforts for employment of persons with disabilities.



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Murder charges filed in Venice shooting

VENICE — Murder charges have been filed against an East St. Louis man in the shooting death Jan. 1 of a St. Louis man in Venice.

Mozell Fort, 30, of 2714 Bond Ave., was charged with two counts of murder and one count of aggravated violence Monday. The charges were filed by Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Randy Massey. Bond was set at \$200,000.

FORT ALLEGEDLY shot Charles Simon, 31, of St. Louis in the abdomen with a .38-caliber revolver about 3:30 a.m. Jan. 1.

The shooting occurred during an apparent argument near the Venice Gas & Oil service station, 1102

Fourth St., Venice. Fort was an attendant at the station.

Smith died about 3 a.m. Saturday in the critical care unit at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

FORT WAS WANTED for the scene and fled after a charge of aggravated battery was filed Friday through Massey's office. He was released on a \$10,000 bond and a \$5,000 recognizance bond, a court spokesman said.

That charge was dismissed Monday when the other charges were filed.

Fort was still being sought on the murder charges Tuesday, Venice authorities said.

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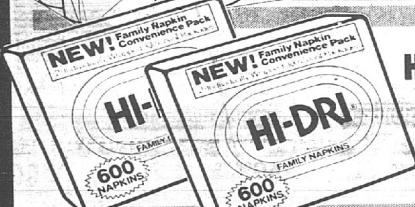
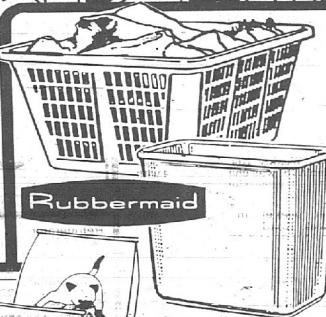
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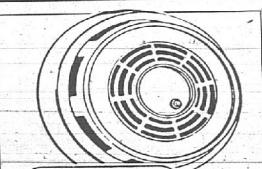
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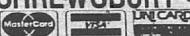
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Documentary planned on the great flood

When the Mississippi River roared out of its banks and inundated West Alton, Grafton and the new Locks and Dam 26 in October, documentary filmmakers were on hand to capture the event with their cameras. Showing in 1987 is planned.

The mighty Mississippi — its power, beauty and utility — is the subject of a one-hour television documentary by Leslie Epperson and Eve Fortenberry of WILL-TV, the public television station by the University of Illinois Urbana.

Epperson and Fortenberry followed the crests of October's river flooding downstream from Rock Island to Madison County for a unique film record of one of the major events in the river's history.

"We shot Grafton from a boat and went out on a train trestle to film West Alton," Epperson said.

The team filmed West Alton residents being rescued by the Coast Guard and got some dramatic shots as soon as that happened," she said.

Also caught on film, she said, was the river's temporary recapture of the site of the new locks and dam north of Granite City.

"The flood is certainly our most dramatic footage, but much of the rest of it is quite beautiful," she said.

The documentary includes quiet scenes of wood ducks, eagles and herons in the Mississippi flyway and will also focus on some of the less-savory, confounding aspects of the river as mussel fishing and barge operations.

It will include interviews and films of barge pilots and commercial fishermen as well as biologists and naturalists who study the river.

"We rely heavily on people speaking for themselves," Epperson said.

Much of the background for their film was provided by the Illinois Natural History Survey but such river experts as Godfrey naturalist and author John Madson were also consulted.

Filming for the documentary began in August. It will eventually show the river in all four seasons.

Agronomy day slated Jan. 14

The 1987 Agronomy Day will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Farm Bureau auditorium in Edwardsville. The program will start with registration at 9:30 a.m.

The morning program will begin with a presentation on soil fertility by Bob Hoefl, University of Illinois soil fertility specialist.

Noel Troxclair, U. of I. area entomologist, will discuss controlling insects in stored grain. Tom Melton, veterinarian, will cover major diseases of cattle, soybeans and wheat and how to cope with soybean cyst nematode.

Paul Hart, of the Farm Resource Center, will complete the morning program with a discussion on handling grain on the farm.

The afternoon will start with "Don't ignore safety" by Dr. Michael Beatty, Edwardsville-area doctor. Dave Lins, U. of I. economist, will discuss what it will take to survive and prosper in agriculture.

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"We'll get ice scours on the river during the winter months," Epperson said.

The team has also filmed scenes of the Illinois and Chicago rivers. "We have the most to learn what can happen with the Mississippi," she said. "But the film will still have 'rich and biological resources' as well as 'what has been lost and what can be saved, if we use our heads.'

The documentary is expected to be completed for broadcast in June or July.

She expects it to be aired on all public television stations in Illinois and possibly KETC, Channel 9, in St. Louis. It will be offered to Public Broadcasting System stations throughout the nation as well.

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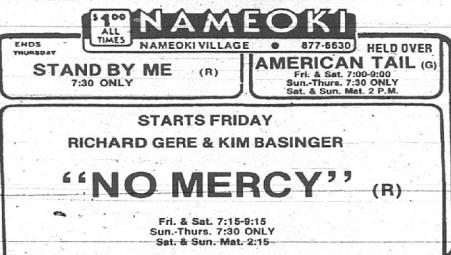
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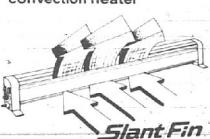
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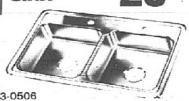
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Says 'quick fix' not answer to highway needs

The "failure of Congress" to deal with present and long-range U.S. transportation needs can only be solved by a multi-year highway reauthorization bill, it is being asserted.

Such a bill needs to be devoted only to constructing and maintaining a safe transportation system, Leonard Boyer said, the executive director of the Southern Illinois Builders Association.

Boyer said taxpayers are seeing their tax dollars going to the highway trust fund in Washington, rather than to state departments of transportation in the form of repair of highways, roads and bridges or in the form of construction of new arterials. Because of the failure of the 99th Congress to pass a highway reauthorization bill in the last session, funds for these purposes have been cut off.

"At stake, because of failure to pass legislation essential to the state, is as much as \$450 million in anticipated fiscal year 1988 federal highway safety and construction funding for Illinois," Boyer said.

"Also at risk, because of the dramatic cutbacks in the Illinois highway program that would inevitably result from failure to approve a bill, would be improvements to 484 miles of highways, 274 bridges, 35 safety projects and 57 intersection improvements, based on Illinois Department of Transportation figures."

"The total cost of the highway program is lost would be 22,307 jobs and the resulting spin-off effect of those dollars on the overall economy.

"Since each highway construction job generates at least two other jobs as the demand and labor market for non-hazardous goods and services increase, the threat to the Illinois economy is apparent," Boyer told the *Press-Record/Journal*.

"Firms, particularly small, specialty contractors that lack the flexibility to find other types of non-highway projects, may go out of

business and will longer be able to affect the repairs to the roads and highways, once the reauthorization bill is finally passed.

"But it's the motorists in Illinois who will be the big losers. Illinois contributes over \$1.2 million per day to the Highway Trust Fund, with no return in new federal highway funds since Oct. 1, 1987.

"By April 1, 1987, Illinois will have contributed \$225 million to the Highway Trust Fund. The safety and convenience of the public are necessarily compromised as construction is halted at existing sites of projects requiring multi-year funding.

An official of IDOT told the *Press-Record/Journal*, "We find ourselves requesting more money than ever before. We have done a better job than in other states of obligating monies that were available. Illinois has a relatively lower balance of left-over federal highway funds from prior years as compared to other states."

"We are in one of the funding areas—it is most important to us—the state highway official stated to the SIBA. "Interstate rehabilitation, Interstate substitution, Interstate completion and bridge repair, we are totally dependent on."

"The failure to pass the highway legislation centers on the bickering of lawmakers over extravagant 'pet'

demonstration projects, and arguments over the national speed limit.

"There also is a tendency by some legislators to introduce elements of various social welfare and special interests into the highway legislation that cloud the primary intent of the highway legislation. That purpose is to provide safe, uncongested highways for the taxpayers."

A recent newsletter issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation indicated, "Apparently, Congress did not fully understand the devastating impact of its failure to enact new authorizations. The members assumed that \$6.5 billion in unused funds from prior years would be sufficient to meet the highway needs for the first six to nine months of federal fiscal year 1987. But the funds are not distributed evenly among all states; (for some it represents more than half of their annual budget)."

For others, including Illinois, it represents less than one-fifth. Also, the funds are not balanced among individual programs to reflect states' priority needs.

"A one-year 'quick fix' reauthorization bill will not solve the problems caused by the 99th Congress," Boyer said.

"What is needed is a four-year, 'clean' highway reauthorization bill that is stripped of all the unrelated issues and dedicated to the very laudable objective of constructing and maintaining a safe transportation system," Boyer concluded.

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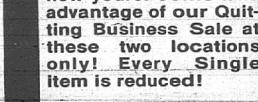
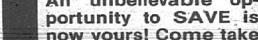
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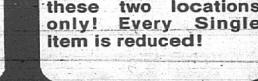
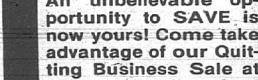
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Skaters 'chip' away at Cahokia for 4-2 win

By Dave Whaley

Staff writer

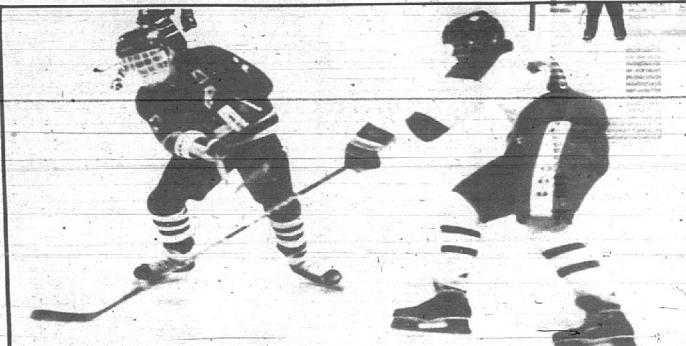
GRANITE CITY — Maybe when you see a team for the second time in the same season, some things aren't forgotten from the first time.

Or maybe the officials just seemed to let things slide a little too much. But the result was a chippy game Monday between the Granite City Warriors and the Cahokia Comanches at the Wilson Park Rink. The Warriors came out on top, 4-2, to raise their record to 10-3-1.

"It was what we call a chippy game," said Warrior coach Garry Henson. "There were penalties given to both teams. It was not really a physical game, just a lot of holding and hooking and things like that."

But the Warriors found enough time to play an outstanding second period, in which they scored three unanswered goals to decide the game. They outshot the Comanches (7-7) 15-1 in the middle stanza and broke a 1-1 tie in the process.

"I told the players after the game a score like this doesn't look real good," Henson said. "We were getting 10 or 11 goals, but we were staying well in their end most of the night." Henson said. "If we're putting the pressure on the other team for most of the game, they won't score."



TOMMY BROWN of the Warrior hockey team clears the puck past a Cahokia player during Monday night's game at the Wilson Park Rink. (Staff photo by Dave Whaley)

Yet it was the Comanches who scored first, as Granite City trailed for one of the few times at home

all year (the game was actually a home game for Cahokia). After the Warriors put on most of the

pressure in the first half of the opening period, the Comanches counterattacked.

'Cats' and 'Dogs' tangle at SIUE

By Al Barnes

Correspondent

Tomorrow night could be the evening that Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville takes the final step towards major league status in big-time basketball competition.

On Thursday, the Cougar cagers will take the floor at the Sam Vadalabene Center to do battle against their "cousins," the SIU-Carbondale Salukis. There will be no second act of a two-year contract between the two SIU teams, and the Salukis aren't likely to sign for another two years. Apparently, SIUC feels it has nothing to gain by playing the Cougars and everything to lose if SIUE should beat them.

Which they very well could do. Larry Graham's team is on a red-hot winning streak at the Vadalabene Center, having won 22 straight there. Their latest was a rip-roaring 93-85 win over a very strong Southwest Baptist University team from Bolivar, Mo., Saturday night before a near-capacity crowd. The victory ran the Cougars' record to 8-3 and dropped the Bearscats to 4-4. Earlier in the year, SIUE rallied for a 101-96 win at Bolivar.

(See SIUE, page 3D)

"I've never been prouder of a bunch of kids than I was of those kids," Graham said after that one. "They were terrific. Anytime you come from behind in two minutes, that's a point to win by five like they did, it has to be something special."

The 31 points Tim Goodwin scored in that game won him a starting berth in last Saturday's game.

Last year at Carbondale, the Salukis caught the Cougars in a down situation and romped over Graham's charges in a breezy 82-65.

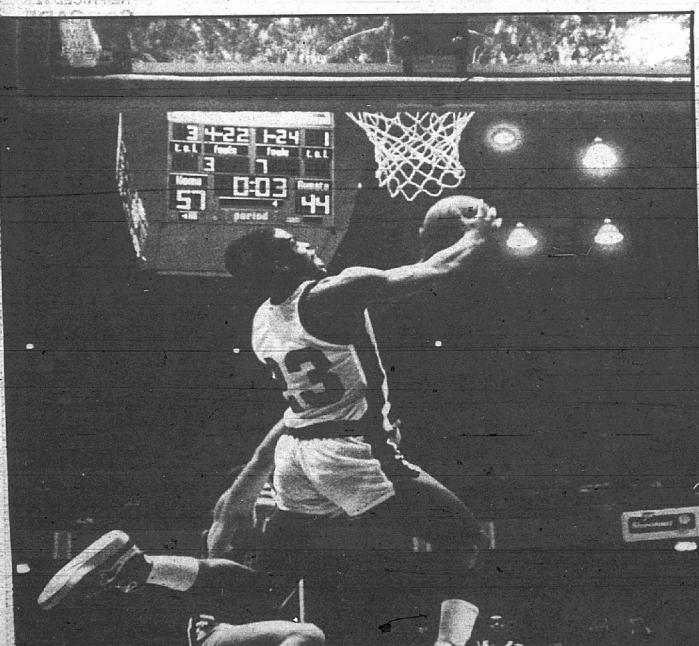
The key point in Carbondale's reluctance to play SIUE is that the Salukis are a Division I school, while the Cougars are Division II.

I would like to see the series continue. In time, it should prove to be a very good thing for both schools in generating audiences and gate receipts. In addition, the schools' two coaches, Rich Herrin and Graham, are outstanding coaches, both with terrific records in high school competition. Herrin put together a brilliant record at Belvidere while everyone here knows about Graham's exploits at Madison.



DAVE KNOGL of the Granite City High School wrestling team battles with an opponent during the recent holiday wrestling tournament. Knogl, who wrestles at 155 pounds,

placed fourth at the 16-team tournament held Dec. 29-30. The Warriors are back in action Friday when they host conference foe Belleville East at 6:30 p.m. (Staff photo by Gregg Ochoa)



East vs. West

THE SLAM DUNK exploits of Jesse Hall, shown here making his over-the-head jam in the closing moments of the 7-Up Shootout, were showcased when the Red Devils traveled to Vashon (St. Louis) High School Tuesday night. The game was a matchup of the top-



rated large (Vashon) and small (Venus) schools in the Journal poll. Full details of the game will appear in tomorrow's Press-Record. (Staff photo by Bob Williams)

said of Stokes. "He stopped us on a lot of plays that looked like goals."

The Comanches had one more burst of offense late in the period, but the referee waved off a goal by Whittington after the official had inadvertently deflected a loose puck right from the net.

Granite City took control in the second period. Their captain and leading point-getter, Todd Hinters, made a beautiful end-to-end rush, weaving through the Comanches' defense and past Stokes. His shot from a bad angle as he was shot out of the stick of a Comanche player at 11:41.

Chris Whittington moved the puck in left wing and slid a goalmouth pass to Lance Bell, who deflected it behind Collins Haman at 9:35 for a 1-0 Cahokia lead.

But the Warriors came right back, thanks to an interference penalty to the Comanches' Mark Davinroy. Matt Krekovich, Doug Sues and Joey Edwards held their blank shot at goals. Mark Stokes, who stopped them all, was at 7:48. Edwards' shot from the point rebounded to Sues in the slot, who flipped in a high shot with Stokes on the ice to tie the game.

"Their goalie played a great game, especially early," Henson said. "Todd can really move with the puck," said Henson. "He's one of the best goalies around."

Granite City had to kill a slashing penalty against Garry Henson before extending its lead. They did at 4:36 when defenseman Jeff Cooper held the puck in the Cahokia zone until the right point was awarded to Sues. The senior left winger took his time as he moved in and blasted a waist-high shot past Stokes to make it 3-1.

Both teams got rougher as the game went on, and the officials seemed willing to let a lot go uncalled. Granite City's mighty mites, Rich Grogan and Tommy Brown, were knocked all over the

(See HOCKEY, page 3D)

Society



MARIE SZYMCEK, right, accepts the Nikki trophy from Judy McCann, president of Gateway BPW, at the December meeting. The trophy was in honor of Mrs. Szymcek capturing second place in an individual development course, representing Gateway.

Gateway BPW honors Mrs. Marie Szymcek

Judy McCann, president of the Gateway Business and Professional Women's Organization, introduced a member of the group, Mrs. Marie Szymcek, at the December dinner meeting held at the Granite City Inn.

The members accorded honors to Mrs. Szymcek on earning second place in the individual development course given during the fall. As a representative of Gateway, she will compete at the district level in February.

She delivered her prize-winning talk after the dinner hour and, at the conclusion, the president presented her with the Nikki trophy.

LaVelle Stephens, membership chairman, announced Betty Nugent,

a charter member and Granite City resident, as the December "member of the month." The honor was extended to Mrs. Nugent for her interest in the organization and its programs of the Gateway BPW.

She announced her plans to retire as a government employee effective at the end of December.

Mrs. Dorothy Elmore, chairman of the holiday dinner meeting, was in charge of arrangements and distributed exchange gifts during the evening. Ollie Derr, co-chairman, directed a yuletide game.

Mrs. McCann led a discussion on the January program, which will be a film on early detection of breast cancer, shown by a representative of the American Cancer Society.

Catholics, Protestants to pray for reconciliation

Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians in the United States and elsewhere will offer prayers for reconciliation during a week of prayer, Jan. 18-25.

The annual prayer event overlaps and includes the holiday honoring the life, death and ministry of Martin Luther King Jr.

The National Council of Churches president, Bishop Philip Cousin, and his Catholic counterpart, Bishop James Malone, said the theme of "reconciliation is central to God's redeeming plan."

Malone, of Youngstown, Ohio, is president of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference. Bishop Cousin is from Jacksonville, Fla., where he heads the 11th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In a joint pastoral message, Bishop Malone and Bishop Cousin said that "we remain seriously unreconciled under judgment of the word we proclaim."

"It is clear that God wills a visible, growing unity in the church."

The said the call is not for uniformity but "God does expect a true unity in our diversity."

The bishops' message says the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a major "step forward in the process of reconciliation."

Father Emmanuel Sullivan, director of the Graymoor Ecumenical Institute, which coordinates the an-

nual week of prayer, said communities of believers of all faiths birth day the spirit of the special week. "The centrality of prayer in the elimination of racism is an important element in the ecumenical vision."

The general secretary of the National Council of Churches, Andi R. Brinkley, said: "When we speak of reconciliation we refer not only to visible unity but also to our prayerful support for one another in times of stress."

He cited the way American Christians have sought to assist Christians in Central America and the Middle East, as well as those caught by natural and political disasters.

Brouwer mentioned the 1986 decision of three Lutheran churches to form a single new communion as "a sign of God's reconciling grace to all

Christians." In addition, he hailed the steps of nine U.S. churches which are moving toward fuller reconciliation within the Consultation on Church Union.

The Faith and Order Commission of the National Council conducted a major consultation with Pentecostal church leaders during 1986.

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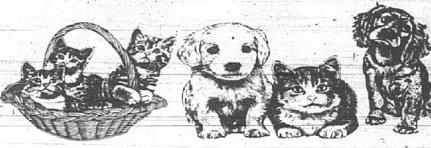
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